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Dear Mr. Ferraro and Mr. Donovan:

The Erie-Niagara Regional Partnership wishes to gratefully recognize and commend you for your exceptional work and tireless dedication as co-chairs of the Western New York Relicensing Consensus Committee. Your leadership of this stakeholder group, as well as your unwavering commitment of time, energy and resources, has been instrumental in generating an unprecedented level of collaboration among stakeholders in the region.

Your efforts have laid the fundamental groundwork for the drafting of a license application by the New York Power Authority and the negotiating of a comprehensive relicensing settlement package that is responsive to stakeholder issues and stands to benefit the entire region for the next 50 years, with low cost power for our communities and businesses, environmental support and potentially hundreds of millions in funding for a Niagara River Greenway.

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In accepting the position of co-chair nearly five years ago, you were presented with a very significant task of leading a large and diverse group of relicensing stakeholders representing business, labor, government, environmental and other interests through an extraordinarily complex administrative process.

As leaders you excelled, by educating stakeholders, facilitating discussion and the compilation of stakeholder issues and concerns for presentation to the New York Power Authority, combing through study reports (some hundreds of pages long), and personally attending and

striving to represent the concerns of all committee interests at dozens of stakeholder meetings. Your guidance and direction throughout the entire process, which was contentious at times, kept stakeholders focused on long-term outcomes that would benefit all.

Again, thank you your leadership, commitment and for your most significant contribution to the Niagara Power Project relicensing initiative and to the Buffalo Niagara region as a whole.

Very truly yours,

Hon. Clyde Burmaster
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